the four blocks of buildings is already in progress and is expected to be completed in about three months. Difficulties could be avoided if the fourth block also is taken up and completed with the others. This requires an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000. The amount cannot be found by diversion. Therefore, I request the House to grant this demand.

PRESIDENT : The question before the House is that a grant not exceeding Rs. 10,000 be granted under the Demand—Public Works Department.

The grant was made.

EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 45,000 under Demand—Education. The grant is required for payment of fee compensation to private schools in connection with the Fee Concession Scheme for backward and depressed class pupils. As the House is aware there is a very elaborate Fee Concession Scheme, and the Government have undertaken to compensate private schools, which accept the scheme, to the extent of 75 per cent. of the loss sustained by them. The allotment for this year for this purpose is Rs. 1,10,000 and it is found to be insufficient for meeting all the liabilities under this head. The fact is that owing to financial stringency in the years 1110 and 1111, the allotment under this head was only Rs. 90,000 though the average expenditure every year came to about Rs. 1,10,000. The result has been that a certain amount of arrears has accumulated for the year 1110 and especially for 1111. It is considered desirable that these arrears should be cleared and that the liability for this year is also paid up. The department has been seriously considering proposals for revising the whole Fee Concession Scheme; and, as some honourable members may be aware this scheme was subjected to an exhaustive investigation and scrutiny by the Advisory Board. Proposals have been placed before the Government and are under their serious consideration. If these proposals are accepted there will be a substantial reduction in the financial commitments of Government in future years. It is therefore considered necessary that the present liabilities should be extinguished, before the new scheme can be brought into operation next year. For this purpose a sum of Rs. 45,000 is required and I request that the House will be pleased to grant this amount.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether this amount is intended for payment to the depressed class students of 1110 and 1111? Have not those been paid yet?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): The depressed class students had been given full fee concession by the private school Managers, and they have to be compensated to the extent of Rs. 45,000 for the loss sustained by them on that account.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the number of managements in whose cases these amounts have not yet been paid.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have not got all the details with me now. The whole amount has been distributed among the Divisional Inspectors and the Inspectress of Schools, and they are making payments.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why no provision was made in 1110?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Owing to financial stringency Government cut down the allotment to Rs. 90 000 in 1110 and 1111?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Why was it not paid in 1111 also?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Financial stringency.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why adequate provision was not made in the budget for the current year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): That was why an increased allotment of Rs. 1,10,000 was provided in this year's budget. That is found insufficient.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I suppose the new scheme will begin to operate only from the next financial year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does this extend to grant-in-aid schools or to all recognised schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): To all recognised schools.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Irrespective of the question whether they received grant-in-aid or not?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know the amount of arrears?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): About Rs. 45,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know in what month dues to the private schools under this head are ascertained?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): The process is going on throughout the year. The losses of a certain year are assessed for grants during the coming year.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 45,000 on account of fee concession to backward and depressed class pupils in private schools.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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